

AN ORDINANCE
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2009 (GENERAL FUND) BUDGET TO REOPEN AND MAINTAIN ATLANTA FIRE STATION NO. 7 BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM VARIOUS CONSULTING, SUPPLY, TRAVEL AND OTHER NON-PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS YET TO BE DETERMINED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE BUDGET FUND DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT AND ORGANIZATION NUMBER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the FY 2009 Budget on June 27, 2008 and forwarded it to the Mayor with an additional 2.5% reduction to the General Fund Budget as opposed to the Mayor's proposed property tax increase to balance the Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2.5% cut amounted to an additional reduction of \$14,575,000.00 to the General Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted resolution 08-R-1350 encouraging the Mayor to implement the 2.5% reduction to the Budget without closing any fire station, swimming pool or recreation center or further cutting filled City positions; and

WHEREAS, in implementing the FY 2009 Budget the Mayor cut an additional \$7,000,000.00 beyond the \$14,575,000.00 resulting from the 2.5% across the board reduction; 165 positions, including 72 filled; and ordered the closing and decommissioning of Atlanta Fire Station No. 7; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the closing of Fire Station No. 7 will reduce the FY 2009 Department of Fire and Rescue Budget by up to \$1,200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council analysis of the FY 2009 General Fund Budget indicates that reductions could have been made in other areas for at least \$1,200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, citizens in Council District 4, Post 1 and from around the City have expressed their extreme disappointment at the closing of Fire Station No. 7 and question the appropriateness of the closing; and

WHEREAS, numerous citizens demand and have requested the reopening of Fire Station No. 7;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to amend the FY 2009 (General Fund) Budget as follows:

TRANSFER FROM APPROPRIATIONS

FUND	DEPT	ACCT	FUNCT	AMOUNT
1001	XXXXXX	5212001	XXXXXX	\$ 00,000.00
1001	XXXXXX	5235003	XXXXXX	\$ 00,000.00
1001	XXXXXX	5311001	XXXXXX	\$ 00,000.00
1001	XXXXXX	5XXXXXX	XXXXXX	\$ 00,000.00
TOTAL				\$1,125,546.00

TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATIONS

1001	General Fund	\$1,108,379.00
230102	Department of Fire and Rescue	
5111006		
3520000		
1001	General Fund	\$2,479.00
230213	Department of Fire and Rescue	
5312301	Utilities, Electric	
3570000		
1001	General Fund	\$14,688.00
230213	Department of Fire and Rescue	
5312201	Utilities, Gas	
3570000		
1001	General Fund	\$1,125,546.00
230XXX	Department of Fire and Rescue Total	

SECTION 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for purposes of the ordinance only, and only to the extent of the conflict.